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there were three underground theatres in P'yongyang; one was used for plays, and the other two were used to show movies. The films were distributed by the Korean-Soviet Cultural Association. The Association also appointed the managers for the theatres. Movies were changed once every 5 days, and plays were changed every 3 or 4 days. Most of the movies were produced in the Soviet Union. The underground theatres were well-ventilated, but lacked heating systems. On 10 June 1953 the following underground theatres were in the P'yongyang area:

- a. The Moranpong Theatre. The theatre was opened in March 1951 and had a capacity of 800 persons. The admission fee was 100 North Korean won for an adult and 50 won for a child.
- b. The P'yongyang Movie Theatre. The theatre was 15 meters underground and was originally opened on 10 August 1952. The theatre had a capacity of 300 persons. The admission fee was 30 North Korean won for civilian adults or military personnel, and 15 won for a child.
- c. The West P'yongyang Movie Theatre. The theatre was 10 meters underground and was originally opened in late February 1953. The theatre had a capacity of 400 persons. The admission fee was 30 North Korean won for civilian adults or military personnel, and 15 won for a child.

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